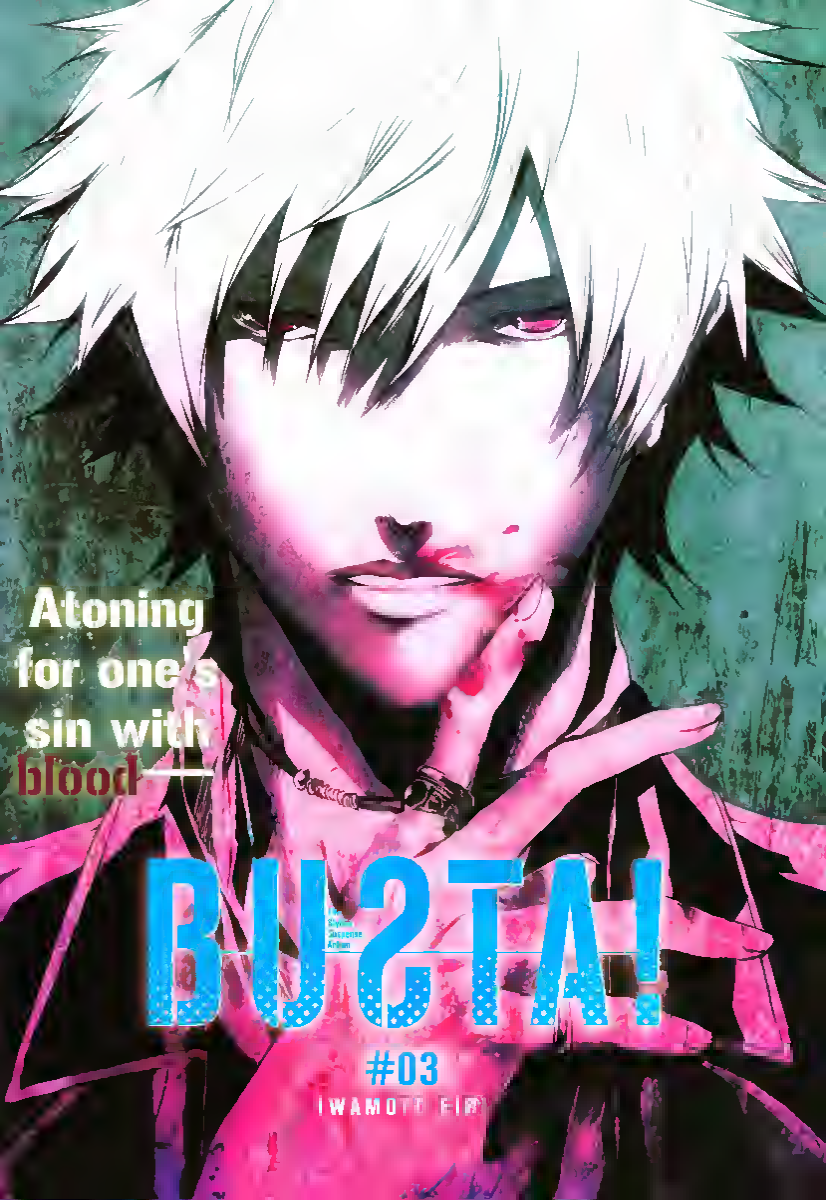
Atoning for one's sin with blood
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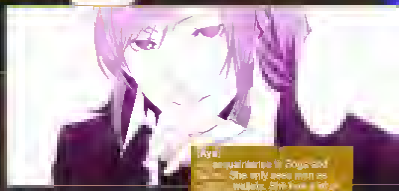
The Stylish Strategic Action

MISSION REPORT

CHARACTER & STORY INTRODUCTION

WITH THE TOWN DIVIDED BETWEEN THE WEST AND THE EAST, THE CONFLICTS WILL CONTINUE!

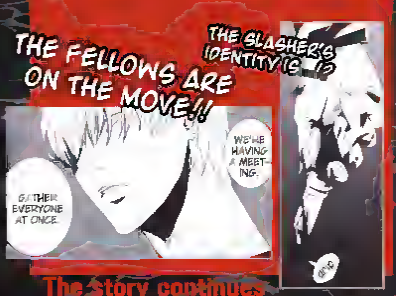
A town with repeated disputes between the gang of boys divided into the West's Fellows and the East's Ordine. Powerful pair, Soga and Mukai act as the West side's "Emergency Reinforcement Unit" and follow boss Kishita's orders which included gaining control of the East side's territory. The pair completed Kishita's usual request and encountered a large amount of money that came from the East side getting caught up in a huge battle. Welcome to the garbage dump! We're raising the curtain on this Stylish Action Comic!!



[Kishita]
The leader of the West's powerful "Fellows". He has an atmosphere like he can see through anything and everything. There's still a lot to discover about the mysterious man.

THE STORY SO FAR

The next day, a dispute with Ordine concerning money unfolded. Not long after that, Mukai learned from a classmate that he's being targeted by an Ordine student who goes to the same school. The armed group leader Hasumura Yuuto was confused about the whole thing. Meanwhile, gossip about the incident involving the Slasher, who was only targeting the failures of society, was the talk of the town. During all of that, when Fellows leader Kishita, who was playing mahjong at the Fellows' head quarters, learned of a member being attacked by the slasher, he immediately gathered the whole gang and the "Hunt for the slasher" commenced. Mukai, who considers himself an outsider, gets involved in the incident due to his usual loss at mahjong.



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GLOSSARY

[Fellows]
The name of the West side gang. It's controled by Kishita. Soga and Mukai belong to the group acting as the Emergency Reinforcement Unit.

[Ordine]
An East side gang that holds a reputation of being methodical. Their goal is unknown, but recently their territory has slowly expanded all the way to the West's territory.

BASH
DAMMIT...
HIIH..!
THUD
YOU TRYING TO RUN AWAY?
SCRAPE

—BY A BUNCH OF GUYS CARRYING IRON PIPES HUH!?
WHO WOULDN'T RUN AWAY WHEN THEY'RE SUDDENLY HARASSED ON THE STREET AT NIGHT
YOU ACTED PRETTY SUSPICIOUSLY EARLIER
YOU WERE ALSO CARRYING AROUND A KNIFE WEREN'T YOU?
WE ONLY CAME HERE WANTING TO HEAR YOUR STORY.
WEREN'T YOU!?
I'M SAYING I DON'T KNOW WHO THE SLASHER IS, YOU KNOW!?
THAT DAY I WAS HANGING OUT WITH A FRIEND!

RECENTLY, YOU GUYS HAVE STARTED USING THE HUNT FOR THE SLASHER AS AN EXCUSE TO GO ON A RAMPAGE AND YOU NEED TO CUT IT OUT ALREADY!
IF YOU WANT TO DISPUTE IT, GO TAKE IT UP WITH THOSE SUITED ARMY GUYS!
BY THE WAY, THAT THING YOU TOOK FROM ME— THAT KNIFE IS ONLY A LETTER—
...
OPENER—
SWISH

WHACK
UFF
THERE WE GO
...
AH
THIS THING REALLY CAN'T CUT
SHUT UP WITH ALL THE YELLING, BASTARD
WALKING AROUND WITH A LETTER OPENER IS A VIOLATION OF THE SWORDS AND FIREARMS CONTROL LAW TOO!
THUD
STOMP
DON'T WALK AROUND CARRYING CONFUSING SHIT!

NO ANYTHING OVER THERE?
NOPE, IT WAS COMPLETELY THE SAME
DID YOU GUYS MAKE ANY PROGRESS?
WELL, WE'LL JUST HAVE TO BEAT 'EM BLOODY WITH THIS IRON PIPE RIGHT?
TAP
YEAH, SINCE EVERYONE IS ACTING SUSPICIOUSLY
I MEAN WE AREN'T GONNA BE ABLE TO FIND ANYTHING IN SUCH A RANDOM WAY
SHALL WE GO TO THE NEXT ONE?

NO PROGRESS!
THERE'S BEEN—
AS I THOUGHT, SEARCHING AT RANDOM IS USELESS
I GET THAT, SO SHUT UP
IT'S REALLY TOO LATE TO THINK THAT NOW

WELL, ABOUT THAT...
THE GUY WHO WAS STABBED HAS REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS, RIGHT?
HE DIDN'T SEE THE ATTACKER'S FACE OR ANYTHING?
HE WAS ATTACKED SUDDENLY IN A DARK ALLEY FROM BEHIND
HE CAN'T CONFIRM ANYTHING
HE SAID HE DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING
HE COULDN'T TELL WHETHER THE ATTACKER WAS A MAN OR A WOMAN EITHER
HE HAD NO INFO. HUH?
THERE'S NOT VERY MUCH TO SHOW FOR OUR EFFORTS IN GATHERING INFORMATION.
WELL, AT LEAST HE'S RECOVERING FROM THE STABBING.

NO, THOSE ARE YOUR DIRECTIONS, RIGHT?
MY GUYS ARE ALSO DOING SUSPICIOUS STUFF BUT—
THEY'RE FOLLOWING ME WITHOUT ANY COMMPLAINTS
It's really bothersome
I DON'T KNOW. YOU CAN ASK ME BUT ALL I CAN SAY IS "YES THAT'S RIGHT."
NONE OF THOSE GUYS ARE LIKELY TO BE SUCCESSFUL?
THEN, THE ONLY WAY IS TO CATCH HIM AT THE SCENE OF THE CRIME OURSELVES.

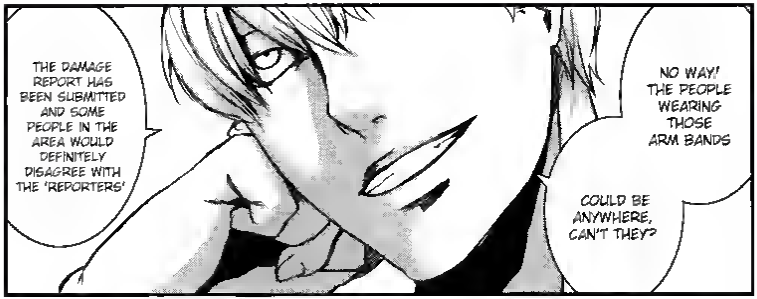
I HAVE TO PLAY THAT KIND OF UNPLEASANT ROLE, AGAIN?!
HOW ABOUT WE LET MUKAI BECOME THE BAIT FOR OUR NEXT PLAN?
IN THAT CASE IN ORDER TO CATCH HIM IN THE ACT,
SLIDE
BUT THE SLASHER INCIDENTS HAVEN'T TAKEN PLACE HERE FOR A FEW DAYS
Come to think of it
WELCOME
THE POLICE ARE ALSO ON THE MOVE
Is he laying low?
NO WAY AFTER ALL, MUKAI-KUN, IT'S YOUR TURN, RIGHT?
PUT YOUR OWN ASS ON THE LINE ONCE IN A WHILE!
SINCE SOGA'S ROLE IS SURVEILLANCE
It's perfect isn't it?
JEEZ, WHAT ARE STUDENTS DOING?
THUD

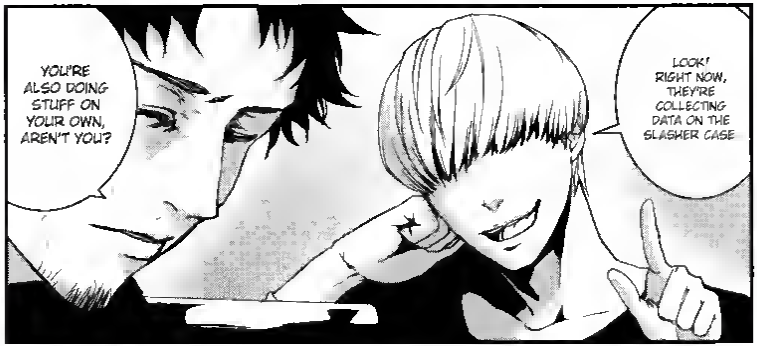
HM, KISHITA?

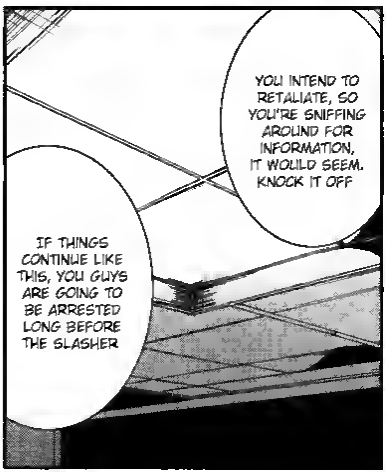
OH, MY! WHAT AN UNEXPECTED MEETING, HUH, TAKEUCHI-SAN?

IN A PLACE LIKE THIS IN BROAD DAYLIGHT?
Hey

HUH? I AM WORKING
DON'T LUMP ME TOGETHER WITH YOU GUYS
OR RATHER AREN'T YOU ALSO SKIPPING WORK TAKEUCHI-SAN?
IS IT OKAY FOR A DETECTIVE FROM THE JUVENILE DIVISION TO BE STAGGERING AROUND IN SUCH A PLACE?
ACCORDING TO A FEW LOCAL YOUTHS, THERE'S BEEN SOME VIOLENT INCIDENTS GOING ON AROUND HERE.
JEEZ, TODAY'S YOUTH IS REALLY SOMETHING
THAT IS TO SAY, THEY'RE STILL DANGEROUS!
WHEN I HEARD THAT, A CERTAIN GROUP OF IDIOTS IMMEDIATELY CAME TO MIND.
GLARE
HERE'S THE STORY.
A GROUP THAT FASTENS ARM BANDS TO THEIR UNIFORMS—
HAVE BEEN RAMPAGING AROUND THE TOWN


THE DAMAGE REPORT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED AND SOME PEOPLE IN THE AREA WOULD DEFINITELY DISAGREE WITH THE 'REPORTERS'
NO WAY! THE PEOPLE WEARING THOSE ARM BANDS
COULD BE ANYWHERE, CAN'T THEY?


YOU'RE ALSO DOING STUFF ON YOUR OWN, AREN'T YOU?
LOOK! RIGHT NOW, THEY'RE COLLECTING DATA ON THE SLASHER CASE


YOU INTEND TO RETALIATE, SO YOU'RE SNIFFING AROUND FOR INFORMATION, IT WOULD SEEM. KNOCK IT OFF
IF THINGS CONTINUE LIKE THIS, YOU GUYS ARE GOING TO BE ARRESTED LONG BEFORE THE SLASHER

YOU KNOW ME WELL.

THAT'S GOING TO BE TROUBLESOME FOR ME
Grind
IF THERE'S A YOUTH GANG FROLICKING ABOUT RECKLESSLY,
RATTLE
WELL, FROM NOW ON, YOU GUYS STAY HOME AND PLAY GAMES. LEAVE THIS STUFF TO THE POLICE
IS THERE GONNA BE A MANHUNT?
AH, CAN I SAY ONE LAST THING?
SOOO, YOU'RE SAYING THAT IT'S NOT A PERSON.
Please forgive me-
WELL THEN, AT LEAST GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL.

WE'RE NOT A YOUTH GANG. WE'RE A VIGILANTE GROUP.
I'D APPRECIATE IT IF YOU DIDN'T MAKE THAT MISTAKE AGAIN.
...
...
SEE YA.
FORGIVE ME FOR THAT.

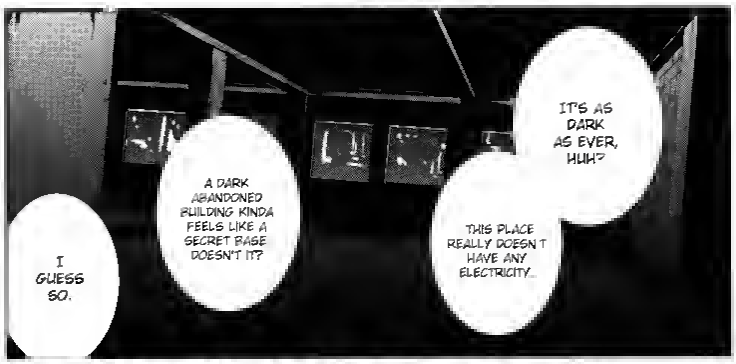
HE REALLY GAVE US A LOT OF SHIT
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO FROM NOW ON?
rustle
NOTHING HAS CHANGED. THE REAL MANHUNT* CONTINUES.
HUH?
IT HAS A MEANING LIKE "MANHUNT"
THAT'S SO LAME.

*T/N KISHITA SAYS "REAL MANHUNT" IN ENGLISH

IT'S OPEN!
RING

YO.

CLICK


IT'S AS DARK AS EVER, HUH?
A DARK ABANDONED BUILDING KINDA FEELS LIKE A SECRET BASE DOESN'T IT?
THIS PLACE REALLY DOESN'T HAVE ANY ELECTRICITY...
I GUESS SO.

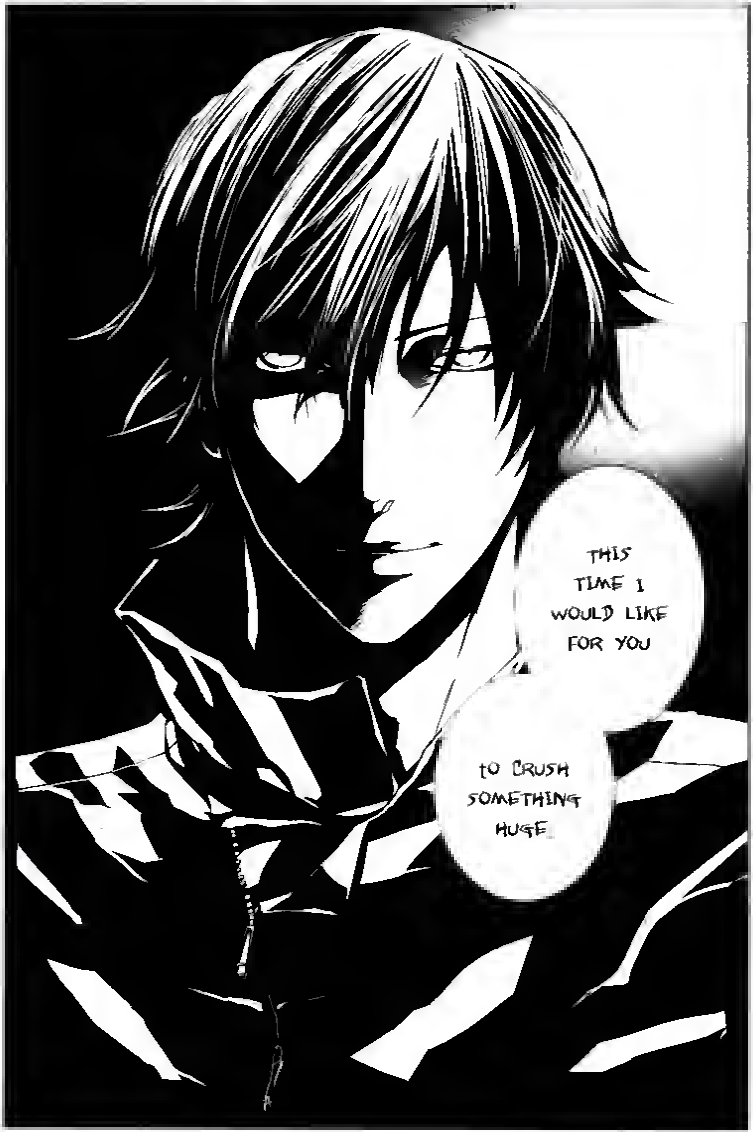
I HAVE OBEDIENTLY FOLLOWED YOUR INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE LAST TWO WEEKS

THAT WAS FOR THE BEST.
BECAUSE A PROMISE WITH A FRIEND IS ABSOLUTE RIGHT?
TAP
I COULD NEVER BREAK A PROMISE I MADE TO YOU.
BUT, DURING THE PAST TWO WEEKS, YOU DIDN'T HAVE ANY FREE TIME?
JEEZ... I CAN'T HELP BUT ADMIRE YOUR STRONG SENSE OF DUTY.

IT WAS REALLY AWFUL THERE ARE ONLY GROUPS THAT INFLICT OUTRAGEOUS VIOLENCE TOWARDS THE WEAK
DURING THAT TIME, I TOOK A LOOK AROUND THE TOWN
AND IT MUST BE CORRECTED
AS YOU SAID, THOSE GUYS ARE HAUNTING THIS TOWN WITH THEIR "EVIL INTENTIONS."
IF IT HAS TO BE CORRECTED BY SOMEONE, IT SHOULD BE DONE BY A PERSON WHO IS AWARE OF IT.
THIS IS THE MISSION...

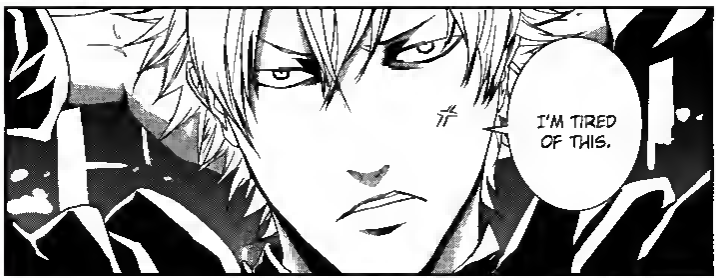
THAT WAS ASSIGNED TO US.
THAT'S RIGHT.
I HAVE ALSO BEEN DOING MORE THAN SITTING IDLY THESE LAST TWO WEEKS.
EVEN IF YOU ARE ONLY WATCHING THE ENEMY AGAIN BY YOURSELF?
WELL THEN, ARE YOU PLANNING TO TAKE ACTION SOON?

SO, I'VE COME UP WITH VARIOUS TRICKS.
RUSTLE
THUMP
THERE ARE SOME NECESSARY ITEMS IN THERE
ARE YOU GOING TO CHANGE THE PLAN THIS TIME?
DID YOU THINK OF SOMETHING AGAIN?
I SUPPOSE AS EXPECTED IT'S NOT VERY EFFICIENT TO DO IT ONE AT A TIME...RIGHT?


THIS TIME I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU
TO CRUSH SOMETHING HUGE

RUSTLE
I'LL BE LEAVING, NOW.
AH. PLEASE TAKE CARE OF IT.
CLICK
THE PIECES OF THE STATE OF PROGRESS ARE GOING TO START LINING UP.
...
WELL, THEN...
SLAM

HAAH...
SHIFT
YOU REALLY ARE THE BEST KIND OF...
TAT
TAT
FRIEND.

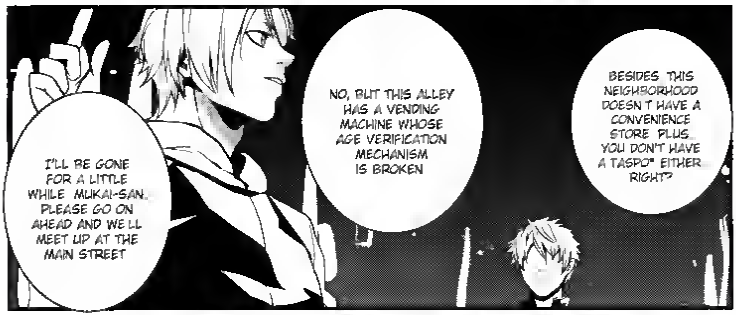

I'M TIRED OF THIS.

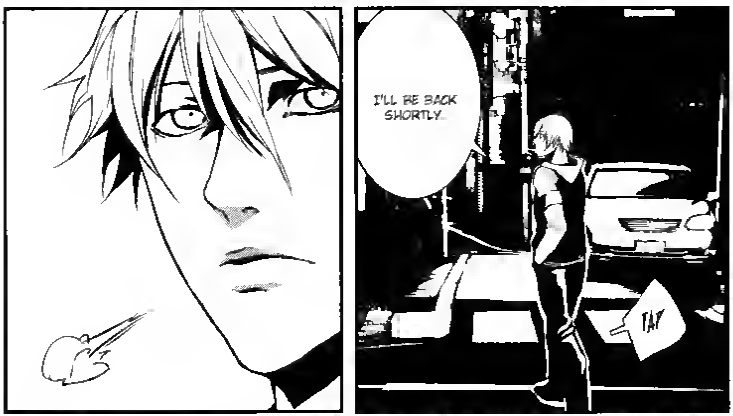
THAT BASTARD KISHITA— SAYING PATROLLING BY MYSELF IS USELESS.
AND SOGA IS EVADING HIS RESPONSIBILITIES.
LEAVE IT TO ME MUKAI-SAN. AND PLEASE PATROL EARNESTLY.

WELL IT'S TRUE THAT SOME MEMBERS ARE ONLY OUT MERRYMAKING, BUT...
I MEAN, IF YOU WEAR THAT ARM BAND, WE'RE GOING TO BE FOUND BY THE POLICE
IT'S ALL THE FAULT OF THE OTHER MEMBERS' VIOLENT ACTIONS
EVEN SO, THERE'S A SO A LOT OF GUYS WHOSE TRUE FEELINGS ARE THAT THEY INTEND TO PROTECT THIS TOWN, RIGHT?
I WAS TOLD THAT SOCIETY COULDN'T BE CHANGED BY THINGS LIKE YOUTH GANGS
SERIOUSLY?
NO ONE KNOWS WHAT TO DO WITH THEIR POWER OR ENERGY BUT THAT DOESN'T MAKE THEM BAD PEOPLE
BUT FOR THIS CASE IT SEEMS LIKE THE FELLOWS HAVE RETURNED TO BEING A "VIGILANTE GROUP"
THAT WAS A LONG TIME AGO... RIGHT?

THOUGH IT WAS INCONSISTENT WITH HOW THOSE GUYS WERE, IT BEGAN OUT OF THE DESIRE TO MAKE A VIGILANTE GROUP TO PROTECT THE TOWN
IN THE BEGINNING, GUYS WHO DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH THEIR POWER GATHERED INTO THE FELLOWS
WHEN THE FELLOWS WERE ACKNOWLEDGED, ANOTHER YOUTH GANG POPPED UP AND BEGAN DISPUTES WITH THEM
IT GRADUALLY REACHED IT'S CURRENT STATE
AS THE SCALE OF THAT GREW LARGER,
AND BEFORE ANYONE KNEW IT, THE WAY WE WENT ABOUT REACHING OUR GOALS CHANGED.

SO, I'M REALLY HAPPY
BUT, FOR THIS CASE, IT SEEMS LIKE THE GROUP HAS GONE BACK TO BEING A VIGILANTE GROUP
...
THAT'S KINDA STRANGE ISN'T IT?
AH CAN I SAY SOMETHING MUKAI-SAN?
YEAH, WHAT'S UP?
IT'S OKAY, ISN'T IT?


I'LL BE GONE FOR A LITTLE WHILE MUKAI-SAN. PLEASE GO ON AHEAD AND WE'LL MEET UP AT THE MAIN STREET
NO, BUT THIS ALLEY HAS A VENDING MACHINE WHOSE AGE VERIFICATION MECHANISM IS BROKEN
BESIDES THIS NEIGHBORHOOD DOESN'T HAVE A CONVENIENCE STORE. PLUS, YOU DON'T HAVE A TASPO* EITHER, RIGHT?



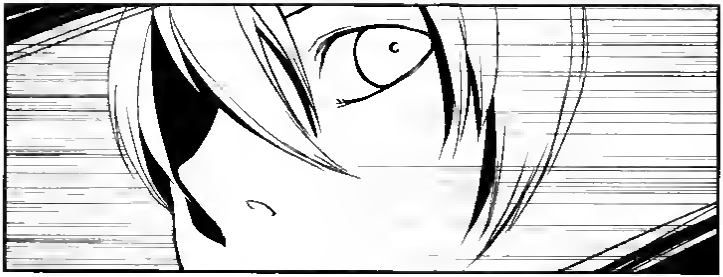
T/N: TASPO IS A CARD THAT SMOKERS IN JAPAN CAN APPLY FOR IN ORDER TO BUY CIGARETTES OUT OF VENDING MACHINES. OBVIOUSLY, THEY ARE ONLY GIVEN TO PEOPLE OF LEGAL

TAP

FUCK
ERR. COME ON, LIGHTER.

CHA-CHINK

HEY.



HE'S TAKING FOREVER...
TAP TAP
WHERE DID THAT IDIOT WANDER OFF TO?
WERE THEY SOLD OUT OF THE BRAND HE WANTED?
I MEAN IF YOU'RE GONNA MAKE A PERSON WAIT AROUND FOR YOU YOU COULD AT LEAST DEAL WITH THAT.
DIDN'T HE COME TO THIS VENDING MACHINE?
JEEZ, WHAT A USELESS GUY...

WHAT THE HELL?
DID SOME DRUNKEN GUY PASS OUT UP THERE?
NO, I THINK IT'S BETTER TO JUST CALL THE POLICE AT THIS POINT
OH! HURRY UP AND CALL AN AMBULANCE
HEY, THERE'S NO WAY
SHIT! THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING...!

HEY...!
SOMEHOW I HAVE THIS ABSURD FEAR THAT SOMETHING ...!
GET OUT OF THE WAY!

...
SERIOUSLY...
DAMMIT... WE WERE SUPPOSED TO BE HUNTING FOR THE SLASHER AND INSTEAD WE WERE THE ONE'S BEING HUNTED
SLAM
FUCK!!

WHAT THE?
*LIMMER
... THIS GUY...

...
DUN DUN DUN

[RAW]: Leinaud [TRANSLATION]: Morbid Charme [PROOFREADING]: Etcetera
[CLEANING]: Casted Shadow [TYPESETTING]: AKZ & Malu [QUALITY CHECKING]: metalmallow

HERE, SOME NEW POTENTIAL PROJECTS, MISS AIMEE.
PLEASE, TAKE A LOOK. SOME OF THEM LOOK QUITE PROMISING.
PROJECTS
OHOHO? LET ME TAKE A LOOK AT THEM, THEN.
I WANT MORE PROJECTS AND FASTER RELEASES!
AW CRAP, THE FANS ARE GOING TO BE PISSED.
OH WELL.
THOSE WERE REALLY GOOD!
YES, THEY WERE. BUT WE SIMPLY DONT HAVE THE STAFF FOR
AGAIN?!
toss
WHAT DID YOU DO THAT FOR?!
WHAT?!?!
WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING WITHOUT MORE STAFF. THESE PROJECTS DON'T CLEAN THEMSELVES YOU KNOW.
INSTEAD OF COMPLAINING ABOUT IT, THEY SHOULD VOLUNTEER TO HELP OUT.
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